

S/N 10/712,169

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	DeHaan et al.	Examiner:	Tam M. Nguyen
Serial No.:	10/712,169	Group Art Unit:	1764
Filed:	November 12, 2003	Docket No.:	4415.29USD1
Customer No.:	23552	Confirmation No.:	8239
Title:	Process for Producing Middle Distillates		

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a 2-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed June 28, 2006, said period of response being extended from September 28, 2006 to December 28, 2006.

Please charge the amount of \$1,020.00 to cover the required extension fee for a large entity to Deposit Account No. 13-2725.

Additionally, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees as set forth in §§ 38 CFR 1.16 to 1.18 which may be required for entry of these papers or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2725.

Respectfully submitted,  
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Date: December 28, 2006

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